

## PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 24 Apr 52	2. LOCATION Oak Forest, Texas	12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon  <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft  <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical  <input type="checkbox"/> Other <u>SAUCER FAN</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>1330</u> GMT <u>24/130Z</u>	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE 2 civilian men	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 14-15 minutes	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE W
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Aluminum color. Airplane shape. 120 MPH. Normal flight.	11. COMMENTS <i>Pseudolite</i>	
(No Case in File)		

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- Q. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescence, other - degree of brilliance)?  
A. One-half (1/2) minute after sighting second time a bright light (as bright as sun) appeared. Sun and object were together for comparison. Note reflection of sun off object. Light lasted about fifteen (15) seconds.
- Q. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.)?  
A. Unable to distinguish if had any projections.
- Q. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path)?  
A. Straight line of flight.
- Q. Manner of disappearance?  
A. Distance became so great object disappeared.
- Q. Effect on clouds?  
A. Clouds had no effect on visibility. No effect on clouds.
- Q. Additional information concerning object?  
A. None.
- Q. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting?  
A. Sun was setting, visibility unlimited, good light.
- Q. Did observer wear glasses, especially polaroid glasses at time of sighting or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material?  
A. Viewed through windshield of car. View clear.
- Q. Name and address of observer?  
A. [REDACTED]
- Q. Occupation and hobbies?  
A. Attending High School. Airplane and Hot Rod enthusiast. Builds model aircraft.

The third aerial object seen and described by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] was seen on 24 April 1952 while they were driving toward Seguin, Texas, on Highway # 3. The first sighting was made at Oak Forest, a small community on Highway # 3. It was observed while they drove approximately twelve (12) miles along Highway # 3 toward Seguin from Gonzales. They stated that it was an unusual aerial object because they could not see any propellers, markings, or insignia on the tail section of the craft.

- Q. Date of observation?  
A. 24 April 1952.

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DETAILS (Cont'd)

- Q. Exact time of observation (local)?  
A. 1330 hours.
- Q. Place of observation?  
A. At Oak Forest, north of road, Highway # 3.
- Q. Position of observer (air, car, building, location of - give details)?  
A. Passenger in car on way to Seguin, travel at 55 MPH.
- Q. What attracted attention to object?  
A. Looking at sight were TV antenna had been installed by ██████████ Just checking to see if antenna was erected properly.
- Q. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping?  
A. One object.
- Q. Apparent size (compare to known object., i.e., sun, moon, thumb or fist or arms length)?  
A. About the size of two (2) engine Transport Airplane.
- Q. Color of object?  
A. Aluminum but not bright and shiny. About the same color as B-29 Aircraft unpainted.
- Q. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object)?  
A. Shape of an airplane - rudder - wings - nacelle, believed to have an elevator. Trailing edge of tail seemed to coincide with rudder.
- Q. Altitude (angle of elevation above horizon - 0° at horizon, 90° overhead)?  
A. 45° from horizon.
- Q. Direction from observer (angle clockwise from north)?  
A. Object was north of observer traveling in a westerly direction - saw it over about a 45° angle from north toward west.
- Q. Direction of flight of object?  
A. East to west.
- Q. Time in sight?  
A. Fourteen (14) - fifteen (15) minutes.
- Q. Speed (time to cover given angular distance)?  
A. Estimated speed - 120 MPH.

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DETAILS (Cont'd)

- Q. Sound and odor?  
A. Heard no sound over car noise. No odor.
- Q. Distance from observer (distance to town, building, etc., over which object appeared to be)?  
A. One-half (1/2) mile from observer.
- Q. Trail (color, length, width, persistence, etc.)?  
A. No trail.
- Q. Luminosity (visible by reflection incandescence, other - degree of brilliance)?  
A. Dull finish - no brilliance.
- Q. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.)?  
A. Wings, rudder - nacelles (one on each side of fuselage).
- Q. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path)?  
A. Straight path of flight.
- Q. Manner of disappearance?  
A. Went out of sight by distance.
- Q. Effect on clouds?  
A. No clouds.
- Q. Additional information concerning object?  
A. No windows, no propellers, no identification marks, no circles, no numbers.
- Q. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting?  
A. Clear, visibility unlimited, sunshine.
- Q. Name and address of observer?  
A. [REDACTED]
- Q. Occupation and hobbies?  
A. Radio and TV technician. Hobbies - making of model airplanes, all types. Attended B-29 Air Mechanic School at Amarillo, Texas, 1945 in service. Had course in Aircraft Identification.
- Q. Name and address of observer?  
A. [REDACTED] R.

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DETAILS (Cont'd)

Q. Occupation and hobbies?

A. Attending High School. Airplane and Hot Rod enthusiast.  
Builds model aircraft.

Q. Did observer wear glasses, especially polaroid glasses at time of sighting or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material?

A. Wore no glasses - clear view.

3. On 20 May 1952, Mr. [REDACTED] South, Gonzales, Texas, was interviewed and stated that sometime in May or June 1951 while standing on the sidewalk with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Gonzales, Texas, he had observed an unusual aerial phenomena. [REDACTED] gave the following information concerning the sighting:

Q. Date of observation?

A. May - June 1951.

Q. Exact time of observation (local)?

A. 1400 hours.

Q. Place of observation?

A. Standing in front of [REDACTED], Gonzales. Only two (2) who saw object.

Q. Position of observer (air, car, building, location of - give details)?

A. Standing on street.

Q. What attracted attention to object?

A. [REDACTED] pointed it out to [REDACTED].

Q. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping?

A. One.

Q. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb or fist at arms length)?

A. Big as moon. Silver color.

Q. Color of object?

A. Silver.

Q. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object)?

A. Cylindrical - about round.

Q. Altitude (angle of elevation above horizon - 0° at horizon, 90° overhead)?

A. 75° angle from horizon.

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DETAILS (Cont'd)

- Q. Direction from observer (angle clockwise from north)?  
A. 90° from north, clockwise.
- Q. Direction of flight of object?  
A. South from east.
- Q. Time in sight?  
A. Ten (10) - twelve (12) seconds.
- Q. Speed (time to cover given angular distance)?  
A. Ten (10) to twelve (12) degrees, or traveling approximately one (1) degree per second.
- Q. Sound and odor?  
A. No sound or odor.
- Q. Distance from observer (distance to town, building, etc., over which object appeared to be)  
A. 8000 - 10000 feet high, 3/4 mile land distance, over about city limits.
- Q. Trail (color, length, width, persistence, etc.)?  
A. Appeared to have had a light trail, black smoke.
- Q. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescence, other - degree of brilliance)?  
A. Nothing luminous.
- Q. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.)?  
A. No projections.
- Q. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path)?  
A. Straight flight - maybe slightly climbing.
- Q. Manner of disappearance?  
A. Disappeared behind a cloud.
- Q. Effect on clouds?  
A. Medium high scattered clouds. Object out in open while visible. Believes object came out of one cloud and into another. Object had no effect on cloud it entered.
- Q. Additional information concerning object?  
A. Object appeared flat and had a sliding motion forward.

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DETAILS (Cont'd)

- Q. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting?  
A. Weather - medium high clouds, sun shining. Visibility unlimited.
- Q. Name and address of observer?  
A. Mr. [REDACTED]
- Q. Occupation and hobbies?  
A. [REDACTED] [REDACTED], Gonzales, Texas. Reads books and many articles concerning "flying saucers", all the articles he can find. Not able to identify conventional aircraft.
- Q. Did observer wear glasses, especially polaroid glasses at time or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material?  
A. Usually wears glasses - can see further without glasses - was not wearing glasses at the time.

Mr. [REDACTED] further stated that he was very interested in "flying saucers" and read all the books and articles he could find on them. He stated that he believed there were such things and explained that they generated their power through magnetic force and also through absorbing energy from the sun during the day which made them glow at night. Mr. [REDACTED] S further advised that it was his opinion that these objects were from other planets, Mars or Venus, because he did not think scientists on earth had knowledge enough to develop such objects. Mr. [REDACTED] also stated that it was his opinion that these objects from another planet had to have canals to land in or on, therefore, it was his opinion that it is quite likely one (1) or more of these objects have landed in the inlets along lower California and that the occupants are probably presently living with Indians in that region.

Mr. [REDACTED] was seriously injured in a fire approximately two (2) years ago, losing a leg, parts of fingers, and seriously injuring his hands.

While interviewing Mr. [REDACTED], Mrs. [REDACTED] S was introduced to the writer and when she learned what Mr. [REDACTED] was being questioned about she made the remark: "I bet I could see a "flying saucer" if I went out and looked for one long enough and used my imagination".

4. On 21 May 1952, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Gonzales, Texas, PFC, U. S. Army, was interviewed and stated that in approximately April 1951, while he was standing in front of [REDACTED] [REDACTED], Gonzales, Texas, talking to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] he had sighted something unusual flying through the air. [REDACTED] deemed it unusual because it appeared round in shape, was of very shiny material and no sound or means of power could be noted. [REDACTED] gave the following information concerning the sighting of the aerial object:

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- Q. Sound and odor?  
A. No sound. No odors.
- Q. Distance from observer (distance to town, building, etc., over which object appeared to be)?  
A. Estimate one (1) mile from observer to object. Was approximately over fair grounds or cotton mills in edge of Gonzales, approximately 1/2 mile away.
- Q. Trail (color, length, width, persistance, etc.)?  
A. No trail.
- Q. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescence, other - degree of brilliance)?  
A. Reflection of about brightness of sun reflecting off chrome on real bright day.
- Q. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.)?  
A. Unknown.
- Q. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path)?  
A. Was climbing straight ahead to south south east.
- Q. Manner of disappearance?  
A. Just went away into the distance.
- Q. Effect on clouds?  
A. No clouds remembered. Real bright clear day, visibility unlimited.
- Q. Additional information concerning object?  
A. Never say anything like it before or since. Doesn't believe it was a conventional plane.
- Q. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting?  
A. Weather clear, visibility unlimited, nothing to obstruct vision.
- Q. Name and address of observer?  
A. [REDACTED], Gonzales, Texas.
- Q. Occupation and hobbies?  
A. U. S. Army, light anti-aircraft gun crew. 9th Grade High School. Since he has been in the Army, May 1951, he has studied aircraft recognition and still thinks it was other than known type aircraft.
- Q. Did observer wear glasses, especially polaroid glasses at time of sighting or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material?  
A. Does not wear glasses, 20/20 vision. Used no seeing devices.

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5. On 21 May 1952, Mrs. [REDACTED], Gonzales, Texas, was interviewed in reference to an unusual aerial phenomena she had seen near Gonzales, Texas, approximately in October 1951. The object had been sighted while she and her husband were driving toward Gonzales on Highway # 3 approximately one (1) mile north of Gonzales. As they reached the summit of a small hill the object appeared straight ahead and at first it was believed to be a grayish cloud with a white circle around it. Upon closer observation, by both she and her husband, it seemed to be something other than a cloud and it was moving as if there was some means of power propelling it. Mrs. [REDACTED] stated she did not know if the object was of a solid material or not. She further stated that if she had been alone and the only person to have seen it she would have considered it a figment of her imagination, but since her husband also saw it and after they had discussed what they saw, they decided it could have been a "flying saucer". Mrs. [REDACTED] gave the following information concerning the aerial phenomena:

Q. Date of observation?

A. Approximately eight (8) months ago.

Q. Exact time of observation (local)?

A. Four (4) - five (5) PM.

Q. Place of observation?

A. Approximately one (1) mile north of Gonzales on Highway # 3.

Q. Position of observer (air, car, building, location of - give details)?

A. Driving automobile south on highway.

Q. What attracted attention to object?

A. Looked up when came over hill and it was right in front.

Q. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping?

A. One.

Q. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb or fist at arms length)?

A. Round, about two (2) yards in diameter.

Q. Color of object?

A. Center looked white, creamy - was about two (2) feet in diameter. Outer ring was a darker grayish white.

Q. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object)?

A. Outer ring was round, unable to determine depth, inner ring looked circular but more than one circle. Looked like smoke.

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- Q. Altitude (angle of elevation above horizon - 0° at horizon, 90° overhead)?  
A. Approximately 30°.
- Q. Direction from observer (angle clockwise from north)?  
A. Directly south.
- Q. Direction of flight of object?  
A. Flight was from east to west.
- Q. Time in sight?  
A. Probably one-half (1/2) minute.
- Q. Speed (time to cover given angular distance)?  
A. One-half (1/2) minute to cover 15°.
- Q. Sound and odor?  
A. No sound. No odor.
- Q. Distance from observer (distance to town, building, etc., over which object appeared to be)?  
A. One-half (1/2) mile from observer. Was between observer and Gonzales, Texas.
- Q. Trail (color, length, width, persistence, etc.)?  
A. No trail.
- Q. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescence, other - degree of brilliancy)?  
A. Outer edge of outer ring seemed to have light reflecting from it as sun shining on aluminum.
- Q. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.)?  
A. None.
- Q. Manoevers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path)?  
A. Straight course of flight, seemed to float.
- Q. Manner of disappearance?  
A. Observer moved down hill then the object was beyond the hill out of sight.
- Q. Effect on clouds?  
A. Sun was shining - some clouds in the background. Object stood out prominent from clouds. No effect on clouds.

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- Q. Additional information concerning object?  
A. Thought it could have been a cloud at first then decided it wasn't. Finally thought it could have been a "flying saucer" since they had heard and read about them.
- Q. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting?  
A. Weather clear - sun shining, visibility unlimited.
- Q. Name and address of observer?  
A. Mrs. ██████████, ██████████, Gonzales, Texas.
- Q. Did observer wear glasses, especially polaroid glasses at time of sighting or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material?  
A. Wears glasses all time - had them on at time. Saw through windshield - was clean. Able to recognize aircraft.

Mr. ██████████ was not available for interview, however, Mrs. ██████████ stated they had recently discussed the object and what she had stated was also the views of Mr. ██████████.

6. On 21 May 1952, Sheriff L. O. McGINTY, Gonzales, Gonzales County, Texas, advised that he has known the following persons ten (10), fifteen (15) and thirty (30) years respectively and considered them to be completely reliable and truthful. None had ever been in any trouble and were respected citizens of Gonzales, Texas:

Mr. ██████████  
Mr. ██████████ R  
Mrs. ██████████ S

Sheriff McGINTY further advised that he did not know ██████████, but knew his father very well and that he worked for the City of Gonzales. He advised that he considered ██████████'s father reliable and trustworthy, and that he had no reason to doubt ██████████'s son (son) being of the same caliber person.

7. On 21 May 1952, Mr. ██████████, Vice President, Gonzales State Bank, Gonzales, Texas, was interviewed concerning the reliability, honesty, and character of the following persons:

Mr. ██████████  
Mr. ██████████  
Mrs. ██████████

Mr. WOOD advised that he only knew Mr. ██████████ through banking business and, therefore, he was unable to attest to the credibility of any information

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SUBJ: Unusual Aerial Phenomena Sighted from Gonzales, Texas and Vicinity,  
SPECIAL INQUIRY

5TH DISTRICT OSI (IG), Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, 24 June 1952

TO: Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force  
Base, Ohio, ATTN: MCEP

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*D.G. North*  
D. G. NORTH  
Lt Colonel, USAF  
District Commander

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Hq AMC, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, 26 June 1952

TO: Commanding Officer, Air Technical Intelligence Center, ATTN:  
ATIAA-2C, Lt E. J. Ruppelt, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base,  
Ohio

Forwarded as a matter pertaining to your Headquarters.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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*A. J. McVEA*  
for A. J. McVEA  
Colonel, USAF  
Air Provost Marshal  
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Mr. ██████ might relate. Mr. ██████ advised that he had known Mr. ██████ all his life and that he believed ██████ was of good character and trustworthy, however, ██████ from ██████ R. Mr. WOOD stated that ██████ ██████ ██████ ██████. He based this on the way ██████ would greet him whenever they met, which was quite frequently. ██████ would greet him (WOOD) as if they had not seen each other in months when in fact it may have not been over a day or two since they had spoken to each other. Mr. WOOD further advised that he did not know just how to express what he meant, but that ██████ ██████ ██████ ██████ ██████.

Mr. WOOD advised that he had known Mrs. ██████ S for many years and believed her to be completely reliable, honest, trustworthy, and that any information she related would be credible.

8. On 21 May 1952, Mrs. ██████ ██████ Gonzales, Texas, was interviewed and stated substantially the same as Mr. WOOD concerning the honesty, character, and credibility of Mr. ██████ and Mrs. ██████. Mrs. ██████ further advised that Mr. ██████ S was honest, trustworthy, and reliable, but that he had changed considerably since he had been injured in a fire and that at present, she was somewhat ██████ ██████.

Mrs. ██████ further stated that she did not wish to imply that anyone of the three (3) persons would make up a complete falsehood or that they were not basically honest, truthful, dependable, and reliable.

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF  
10TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS  
KELLY AIR FORCE BASE, KELLY FIELD, TEXAS

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18 June 1952

SUBJECT: Unusual Aerial Phenomena  
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and Vicinity  
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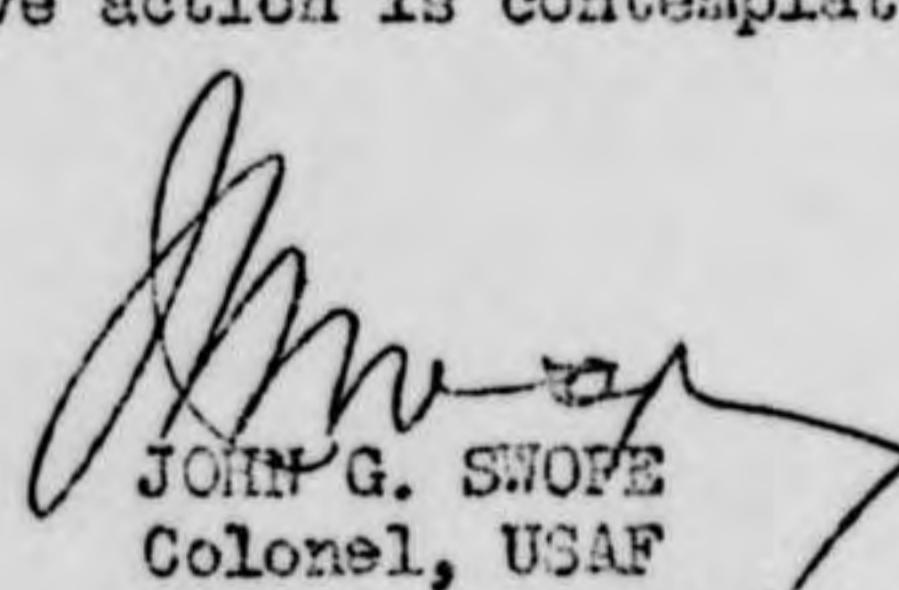
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5th OSI District (IG)  
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base  
Dayton, Ohio

TO: Commanding General  
Air Materiel Command  
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base  
Dayton, Ohio

1. Inclosed are two copies of report of investigation by  
this office, dated 12 June 1952, subject and file as above.

2. No further investigative action is contemplated by this  
office in this matter.

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Rpt of Inv, DO #10 (dup)

  
JOHN G. SWOPE  
Colonel, USAF  
District Commander

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS <b>REPORT OF INVESTIGATION</b>		FILE NO. 24-39/6	DATE 12 June 1952
TITLE  Unusual Aerial Phenomena Sighted from Gonzales, Texas, and Vicinity		REPORT MADE BY REUBEN STRICKLAND, S/A	TO
		REPORT MADE AT DO #10, Kelly AFB, Texas	
		PERIOD 20-21 May 1952	
		OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #10, Kelly AFB, Texas	
		STATUS CLOSED	<b>UNCLASSIFIED</b>
CHARACTER <b>SPECIAL INQUIRY</b>			
REFERENCE None, this is an initial report.			
SYNOPSIS  Investigation initiated by District Commander, based on information from FBI Field Office, San Antonio, Texas, that [REDACTED] Gonzales, Texas, and two other persons had observed an unusual aerial phenomena. Investigation revealed that [REDACTED] [REDACTED], and [REDACTED], all of Gonzales, Texas, had observed an aerial phenomena east south east of center of Gonzales, summer of 1951. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Gonzales, Texas, had seen two (2) unusual aerial objects, one while driving through Shiner, Texas, and one while driving on Highway #3 at Oak Forest, Texas. One was unusual because it appeared to vanish into a ball of fire, and the other because it had no markings or insignia. Mrs. [REDACTED] and husband saw an unusual circular aerial object while driving south on Highway #3, approximately one (1) mile north of Gonzales. Acquaintances stated reliability of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] might be questionable. All other interviewees were [REDACTED] considered reliable.			
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Q. Date of observation?

A. April of 1951.

Q. Exact time of observation (local)?

A. Three (3)-four (4) PM.

Q. Place of observation?

A. Standing in front of [REDACTED], Gonzales,  
Texas.

Q. Position of observer (air, car, building, location of - give  
details)?

A. Standing on sidewalk.

Q. What attracted attention to object?

A. Probably shining reflection attracted attention.

Q. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping?

A. One.

Q. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun moon, thumb  
or fist at arms length)?

A. About the size of a full moon.

Q. Color of object?

A. Silver (shiny).

Q. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object)?

A. Looked round - but glare was too great to note shape - unknown  
whether flat or long.

Q. Altitude (angle of elevation above horizon - 0° at horizon,  
90° overhead)?

A. Approximately 60° from horizon.

Q. Direction from observer (angle clockwise from north)?

A. Approximately 135° from north.

Q. Direction of flight of object?

A. Going up at 60° angle and straight away from observer.

Q. Time in sight?

A. Three (3) minutes.

Q. Speed (time to cover given angular distance)?

A. Moving up and away - unable to estimate speed and no change  
in angle of sight.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation was initiated by the District Commander based on information received from the Federal Bureau of Investigation Field Office, San Antonio, Texas, that [REDACTED] Gonzales, Texas, and two (2) other persons had observed an unusual aerial phenomena on an unspecified date in the summer of 1951.

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2. On 20 May 1952, Mr. [REDACTED] Gonzales, Texas, was interviewed and related that he had witnessed unusual aerial phenomena on three (3) different occasions. He stated that the first phenomena that he had seen was approximately one (1) year ago in either June or July 1951. He had observed the object around noon one day while standing in front of his [REDACTED] et, Gonzales, Texas. He gave the following information concerning the sighting of this object:

Q. Date of Observation?

A. Summer of 1951 (June - July).

Q. Exact time of observation (local)?

A. Noon, approximately.

Q. Place of Observation?

A. In front of Radio and Television Shop at 720 St. Paul Street, Gonzales, Texas.

Q. Position of observer (air, car, building, location of - give details)?

A. Standing on sidewalk.

Q. What attracted attention to object?

A. Looking up to check TV antenna on top of his shop.

Q. Number of objects?

A. One.

Q. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb or fist at arms length)?

A. Size of fighter plane at 3/4 mile distance.

Q. Color of object?

A. Aluminum - shiny.

Q. Shape (give graphic description - compare with **UNCLASSIFIED**)

A. Egg shaped - slightly longer than around.

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- Q. Altitude (angle of elevation above horizon ~ 0° at horizon, 90° overhead)?  
A. 45° angle up from horizon.
- Q. Direction from observer (angle clockwise from north)?  
A. 60 degrees.
- Q. Direction of flight of object?  
A. North of east to east.
- Q. Time in sight?  
A. Two (2) or three (3) minutes.
- Q. Speed (time to cover given angular distance)?  
A. Traveling slow in forward direction ~ 5° ~ 10° while in sight.
- Q. Sound and odor?  
A. No sound. No odor.
- Q. Distance from observer (distance to town, building, etc., over which object appeared to be)?  
A. Two (2) miles through air, one and one-half ( $1\frac{1}{2}$ ) miles ground distance, about edge of town.
- Q. Trail (color, length, width, persistence, etc.)?  
A. No trail.
- Q. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescence, other - degree of brilliance)?  
A. No lights - shiny.
- Q. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.)?  
A. Had four projections - similar to four leaf clover with rounding ends. Had circle band around center that was rotating in clockwise direction. Circle had fins similar to water wheel. Circle appeared to turn slowly - able to see it turn. No other projections.
- Q. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc.)?  
A. Appeared to make bank. Band may have been part of clover leaf shapes.
- Q. Manner of disappearance?  
A. Disappeared behind a cloud. Another airplane approached to within 1/4 mile of object.

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Q. Effect on clouds?

A. Clouds did not effect vision while in sight. No effect on clouds.

Q. Additional information concerning object?

A. None.

Q. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting?

A. Clear day, visibility unlimited. Sun shining. No haze.

Q. Did observer wear glasses, especially polaroid glasses at time of sighting or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material?

A. Open vision.

Q. Name and address of observer?

A. [REDACTED]

Q. Occupation and hobbies?

A. Radio and TV technician. Hobbies - making of model airplanes, all types. Attended B-29 Air Mechanic School at Amarillo, Texas, 1945 in service. Had course in Aircraft Identification.

The second phenomena he saw was on a Monday shortly after Valentine's Day 1952. The object had been observed while he and his brother, R. [REDACTED], Gonzales, Texas, were driving on Main Street in Shiner, Texas, going north. The object was seen first while going north on Main Street and then again after the turn on Main Street was made which caused them to then be traveling in a west north west direction. It was considered unusual because it disappeared into what appeared to be a ball of fire. The [REDACTED] gave the following information concerning the sighting of the object:

Q. Date of observation?

A. On Monday sometime after Valentine's Day in February 1952.

Q. Exact time of observation (local)?

A. 5:30 to 6:00 PM.

Q. Place of observation?

A. Saw object while on Main Street in Shiner. Object again observed at city limits of Shiner on Hallettsville and Gonzales Highway.

Q. Position of observer (air, car, building, location of - give details)?

A. Riding in car. 40 MPH.

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- Q. What attracted attention to object?  
A. Just happened to see object while on Main Street. Disappeared from view and reappeared as above.
- Q. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping?  
A. One.
- Q. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb or fist at arms length)?  
A. Size of single engine plane at 3/4 mile distance.
- Q. Color of object?  
A. Aluminum in color.
- Q. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object)?  
A. Unable to make out any features - maybe oval.
- Q. Altitude (angle of elevation above horizon - 0° at horizon, 90° overhead)?  
A. 22½ degree angle from horizon.
- Q. Direction from observer (angle clockwise from North)?  
A. About 300° from north.
- Q. Direction of flight of object?  
A. Traveling from east to west.
- Q. Time in sight?  
A. Fifteen (15) minutes.
- Q. Speed (time to cover given angular distance)?  
A. Traveling normal speed of fighter plane at first sighting - from second sighting until disappeared (size of fighter plane) it disappeared in matter of 2 - 3 minutes.
- Q. Sound and odor?  
A. No sound or odor.
- Q. Distance from observer (distance to town, building, etc., over which object appeared to be)?  
A. First sighting 3/4 mile - second sighting 1 mile.
- Q. Trail (color, length, width, persistance, etc.)?  
A. None.

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